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Political Developments

Soviet, Iranian Optimism Over Asis-Gorbachev Meeting

Andrey Grachev, an adviser to Soviet President Gorbachev, said he believes Baghdad is prepared to pull all of its troops out of Kuwait unconditionally, according to press. Iran's UN Ambassador told the BBC yesterday that he believed a solution to the Gulf war was imminent. Moscow expects a reply from Baghdad within three days to its peace proposal, according to press; a Soviet official told the BBC that "it is impossible to wait very long for his decision."

Hammadi On the Road Again

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Hammadi, who accompanied Tariq Aziz to Noscow, will arrive in India today,

Comment: Hammadi's stop in New Delhi--a key member of the Non-Aligned Movement--probably is intended to brief the Indians on prospects for a political solution to the Gulf crisis.

Jordanian Fuel Supplies

Jordan has not received any oil from Iraq for the past four to five days, Heamwhile, Amman expects to receive its first shipment of diesel from Syria and 100,000 tons of Yemani crude in the next two weeks, This will meet Jordan's needs for about 16 days.



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